

Lake Eufaula Advisory Committee

Oklahoma Water Resources Board Perspective & Goals

The mission of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) is to protect and enhance the quality of life for Oklahomans by managing and improving the state's water resources to ensure clean and reliable water supplies, a strong economy, and a safe and healthy environment. Our goals and vision include developing, implementing, and promoting sound water policies, programs, and plans to protect lives, property, and Oklahoma's water resources; resolving Oklahoma's increasingly complex water issues through leadership, innovation, and sound science; and partnering with citizens and other stakeholders in planning and balancing multifaceted, long-range water needs.

As the state agency responsible for creating and completing decadal updates to the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan (OCWP), the state's long-range water management strategy, the OWRB recently completed the most robust regional technical study and stakeholder-driven policy development process in state history. As one of eight major policy recommendations, *Water Supply Reliability* was targeted by stakeholders as an important topic to address projected increases in water demands and related decreases in availability, as well as to ensure the fair, reliable, and sustainable allocation of Oklahoma's water supplies through analysis of Oklahoma's water management strategies.

Through its participation in the Lake Eufaula Advisory Committee (LEAC), the OWRB hopes to collaborate with stakeholders to gain further knowledge of local water issues and federal policy guiding USACE's management of Lake Eufaula to better plan for and manage the water resources in the region. Furthermore, the OWRB hopes to inform the group's discussions regarding water planning, state water policy, and OCWP policy recommendations as well as supply and demand analyses from the Eufaula Watershed Planning Region Technical Report.

For more information you can visit our website at www.owrb.ok.gov. Click on 2016 Status report for highlights of recent activities and programs (www.owrb.ok.gov/about/about_pdf/2016statusreport.pdf) and click on "Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan to see associated policy recommendations and technical reports (www.owrb.ok.gov/supply/ocwp/ocwp.php).